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<b>For: MULTIPLE BATTERY SWITCHING METHOD AND APPARATUS (as amended)</b>	<b>SUPP. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>
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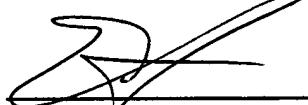
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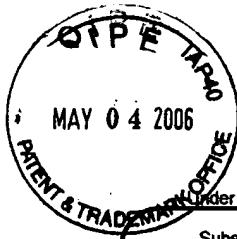
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